

**NCC Minutes 11/07/06**  
**Public hearing to authorize funds for the purchase of an easement on**  
**the Cole Property**

Open Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, B. Byrne, R. Konisky, L. Carroll, D. Mason, alt. S. Shope, Sel. J. McBride Smith

This meeting was a public hearing to discuss and approve funds for the purchase of a conservation easement on approximately 70 acres of land near Bald Hill Road, currently owned by the Ruth B Cole 2005 Trust. The Seacoast Land Trust will own the property, and the Town of Newfields will hold the easement. There was some discussion of the costs: The total cost of the transaction will be \$777,000. The Farm and Ranchland Protection Program will pay \$320,000, The Town will pay \$130,000 plus closing costs, and the Land Trust will pay the remainder. The house and 2 acres were sold separately, and are not part of this transaction. The Town funds will come from current use fees.

J. Smith asked about whether Mr. Daley's easement allows him to forbid public access. There was some discussion, but the question could not be resolved without reviewing a copy of the easement.

D. Mason volunteered to attend the Capitol Improvement Meeting later in the week.

Watts motioned that the Conservation Commission, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 authorize the expenditure of up to \$135,000 for the purchase of easements on the property on Bald Hill road currently owned by the Ruth B Cole Trust. L. Carroll seconded, all in favor YES. No additional members of the public attended.

Adjourn 7:20 p.m.

NCC member A. Watts 11/07/06